



# The Crossroads Messenger

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The official newsletter of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Mount Washington, Kentucky

## Meet The New Pastoral Associate

Margee Joseph  
*Pastoral Associate*



Greetings to the good people of St. Francis Xavier Parish. It is with a humble and grateful heart that I have accepted the position of Pastoral Associate at SFX. I am looking forward to getting to know you and sharing our faith journeys. Some of you may already know me, but allow me to share some information about myself.

My name is Margaret Joseph but I go by the nickname my grandfather gave me, Margee (pronounced with a hard "g"). I was born and raised south of St. Louis. I met my husband, Eddie, from Cincinnati during our college years, shortly after which we were married. We have four adult children and two grandsons. We are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Louisville.

It is there that I began my path into ministry as the Coordinator of Children's Religious Education and held that position until 2003 when I assumed the duties of both Pastoral Associate and DRE. In 2013, I decided to step out of ministry. During those ten years, I

served under three priests, one of them being Rev. R. Dale Cieslik.

A few months ago, I began having thoughts of returning to ministry and tried to dismiss them, but they only grew stronger. When Fr. Dale's search for a Pastoral Associate seemed to go awry, I wondered if the Lord was trying to lead me in this direction. I first offered to assist and mentor the new hire, but incredibly all possible candidates slowly fell to the wayside, leading Fr. Dale to offer me the position.

I am very excited about the next phase of my life. I had the opportunity to meet some of you a few years ago when I filled in for the parish secretary, Nancy, during her absence. I have been very impressed with St. Francis Xavier Parish and the wonderful standing your community has in Mt. Washington.

My grandsons attend Bullitt East High School and I have often heard their friends in giving directions say, "Get on 44 and go past the church." When asked which church, they would tell me St. Francis Xavier. To be known as the church says a lot about your parish and its importance and influence in this city. I am truly honored to become a part of the church and to walk with you in faith.



### *Picnic a Hit*

This year's picnic was a huge success. Read about the changes that led to profits on Page 8.

# From The Pastor's Pen

You and I hear so much about *re-gifting*. You know, receiving a gift from someone and passing it on to another while taking a singular moment to appreciate the gift for “what it is” and then to think who can receive it next. Christmas is a great time to *re-gift*. My nephew Kevin and I have this running exchange of a bald man's comb ... it has three whole teeth about 2 inches apart. My need for it has waned (as you can tell when I bow to the Eucharist at the altar)!

Our gifting of Time and Talent ought not be taken lightly as giver AND receiver. A key component to offering one's self to a parish family's needs is that of making sure that there is follow-up. There is nothing worse than to offer to help and never hearing back that the help is really wanted and is used. Sometimes, a person's offer of their time and talent “falls through the cracks” thus leaving the giver a VERY frustrated and under-appreciated person. **But that is something that can be fixed.** It doesn't have to be like that all the time. **We have choices.**

Our gifts for parish use are sacrificial, giving out of need, not out of surplus. It took a lot of sacrificial giving to build up the faith-family of Saint Francis Xavier, at the hands of our ancestors (who are now with God). Many of them gave out of their own need, yes, until it hurt and even they knew that they could not be out done by God.

One gift that I call upon every person in our parish, active and inactive, is to come to **one** of the Town Hall meetings to be held on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 24 at 10:30 a.m.** Taking the time to voice your ideas, thoughts and questions is paramount to our success in answering the needs of today and tomorrow.

Please make every effort to *come to at least*

*one* of the opportunities. As I have learned, the people of SFX are not shy and will help in any way for the good/benefit of others.

On a last note of this article I wish to welcome our *new* Pastoral Associate. Her name is Margee Joseph and she is a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. She and I worked together at SEAS and she is coming ‘out of retirement’ to be with us full time. Some of you may know her and all will come to meet her through our parish's prayer and activities. As we do as Catholic Christians, welcome her as one would welcome Christ.

Peace,

*Fr. Dale*

## Our Mission

St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic Church in Mount Washington, Kentucky, was established in 1846 to further God's Kingdom on earth.

We are a *welcoming* community of faith.

We are *serving* the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs of parishioners.

We are *dedicated* to the celebration of the sacraments and the teachings of the Church.

Our goal is to meet these needs through various parish organizations and through community ministries.



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Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon



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A “steward” is a manager of resources that belong to another. You might say managing other people’s stuff.

The essential idea of stewardship is trust. Not that the steward trusts the owner, but that the owner trusts the steward to care for or manage their resources. Faithful stewards manage the resources not for themselves, but for the purposes of the one who has entrusted them.

In Christian stewardship, God entrusts all of creation to people. In our redemption, God not only forgives and restores us to life, but renews our role as the stewards of God over creation. In other words, Christian stewardship is at the very center of our identity as human beings and as Christians. Stewardship is not peripheral, but central to living a Christian life.

We are created and called, not to be served but to serve, to give ourselves to the world, for the glory of God, just as Jesus gave himself. Stewardship is who we are, and why we are here. We are the servants of the Lord, entrusted to manage God’s resources for God’s

purposes. Christianity does not have stewardship, it is stewardship.

Many people like to talk about the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. God does not give us, but rather entrusts us with time, talent, and treasure.

How will we manage the 24 hours each day, the 7 days each week, for the good of the world and the glory of God?



## Stewardship

*Using God's Human Resources With Wisdom*



### *Farewell thanks to Deacon Brandon*

Deacon Brandon DeToma served in the SFX community for eight weeks this summer. Among some of his lasting works was the painting of the Mary statue with Parishioner Bobby Grace.

Deacon Brandon also baptized and preached on weekdays and weekends. But most importantly, he experienced the rich diversity of people who make up the parish of SFX. Deacon Brandon, and four others, are scheduled to be ordained priests on May 26, 2018 in Louisville. Please keep all five of them, especially Deacon Brandon, in your daily prayer!



# Celebrating 160 Years, Part III:

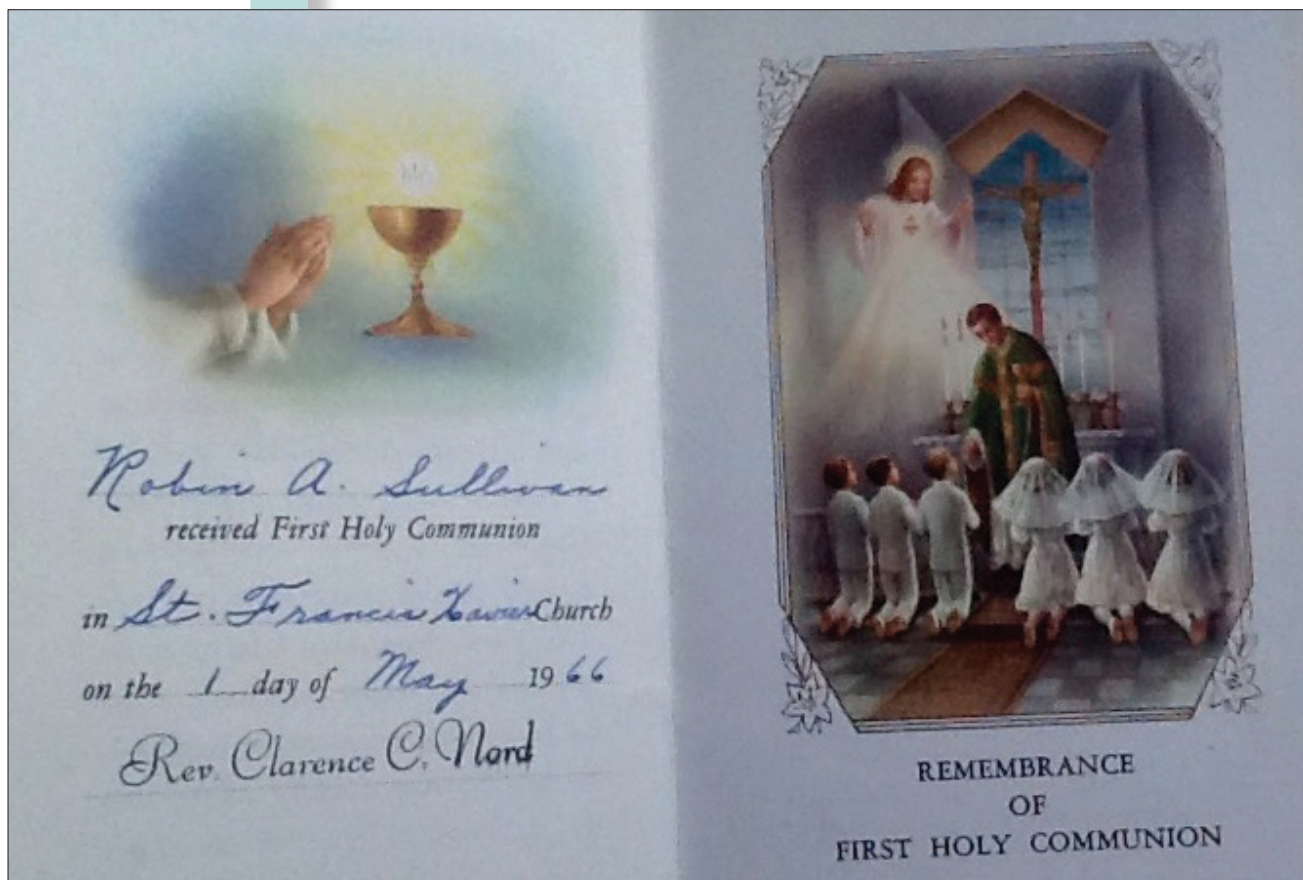
1965

The first Mass in the new church was celebrated by Fr. **Clarence Nord** (1960-1966) on Christmas Day. Approximately 240 families were registered with the Parish at this time.

1966

May 1: The first First Communion was held at St. Francis.

May 29: St. Francis Xavier Church was dedicated.





# A Church's Open Doors



## Church Statistics

- ✝ Built on 8 acres on Highway 44
- ✝ Harold Laswell was the builder
- ✝ 42' X 108' brick building
- ✝ Seats 420
- ✝ Central Heating
- ✝ Statues of St. Francis Xavier, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the corpus of the crucifix and the 14 Stations of the Cross were hand carved and imported from Italy
- ✝ Parishioners donated or made interior furnishings

## 1966

August 6: **Sharon Taber**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Felix Taber** and **Lonnie Dawson**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Dawson**, were married on Saturday, Aug. 6, the first wedding in St. Francis Xavier Church. The St. Aloysius Choir sang the Nuptial Mass. **Mrs. L. M. Wigginton (Nancy)** sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "Ave Maria." **Miss Ann Faye Dawson** was the organist. A reception was held in the church basement.

August: **Father Henry G. Vessels** was named administrator by **Archbishop Floersh**. He resided at St. Aloysius until the completion of the rectory. Father Vessels was a Louisville native and ordained a priest in 1950. He passed away in 1980.

October 27: By canonical decree of **Archbishop Floersh**, St. Francis Xavier Church became a Parish, with **Fr. Henry Vessels** as pastor.

# Following Jesus' Path:

## *Feeding the hungry*

David Abner  
Community Garden



It has been a great year for the St. Francis Xavier Community Garden. As with any garden, preparations began long before planting. Last year, we plowed the garden and covered it with fall leaves to blanket some of the area over winter. We tilled the ground in March and again in April to get ready for the early May planting. With the generous donations of seeds, plants and fertilizer from J-Town Hardware & Rental and Country Corner Greenhouse, volunteers laid out the rows and mounds of green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes, onions, lima beans, corn, cucumbers and sweet potatoes.

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00, volunteers gathered to weed, feed and water. We began harvesting Wednesday evenings in June. By mid-July, the corn tasseled and tomatoes ripened and we delivered several bushels of beans and bountiful amounts of yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes and cucumbers to Mount Washington Community Ministries.

We use only natural neem oil for garden pests and organic fertilizer to feed, ensuring a healthier harvest for our neighbors in the community. This is truly an important ministry of our parish, a real hands-on way to follow Jesus' teaching and feed the hungry.

We also invite you to patronize J-Town Hardware & Rental and Country Corner Greenhouse whose generous donations help make the Community Garden such a success!

If you would like to help, please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for some down-home pickin' (and some grinnin' too!). You might get a little grimy, but where else can you have fun and fellowship playing in the dirt while helping others?



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# Covering You In Prayer

Mary Morris

Newsletter Committee

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is no longer undercover thanks to Judy Hartman, Diana McVady, Karen Pataluna, and Kathy Rice. Together they have coordinated a come-back which has generated a lot of excitement. Their kick-off meeting attracted more than 15 parishioners!

Those who love to sew, knit or crochet are invited to join this crafting and prayerful ministry. The Spiritual Works of Mercy teach us to comfort those in need. Members are answering that call by offering blankets of well-being, support and prayer to anyone experiencing difficult times.



It is not necessary that you know how to sew to get involved. There are a variety of ways to participate in this ministry, i.e., cutting fabric, ironing, assembling and attaching prayer booklets, etc. Donations of fabric, yarn, sewing supplies or monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated.

To learn more about how you can join this ministry to prayerfully cover those in need, or offer your donations, please e-mail [sfxprayerblanketministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfxprayerblanketministry@gmail.com).

## *What Did YOU Make With YOUR Barrel Head?*



Dave Richardson and TGIF members manned the booth at this year's picnic.

Vicki Hardin added a unique planter stand to her garden.



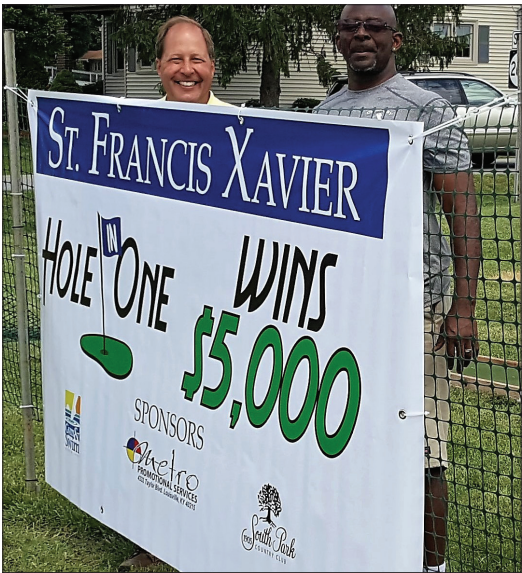
Bill and Ann Shelton made a welcome sign for their front door.

Kayla and Morgan Raymer proudly display their twin barrel heads they purchased at the booth.





# Modifications And Community Involvement





# Yields Super Picnic Results

Anthony & Mary Morris  
*Picnic Chairpersons*



“Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end” - Robin Sharma.

This quote describes well the journey of our summer picnic planning team, working in cooperation with parishioners and parish staff, leading up to the weekend of June 9 and 10.

The many changes that were implemented at this year's picnic came about after months of preparation and consideration. Team members visited picnics all over the diocese and beyond in search of new ideas. As we brainstormed last fall, we concluded that to see growth and development new ways had to be adopted while maintaining those that worked well.

Change can bring obstacles. We faced a few along the way. The carnival ride company backed out on their verbal commitment to us. Ride companies are in high demand and book up months in advance. Another challenge was discovered when the concession's trailer we used for many years would no longer be available. Within hours of opening night, the overflow parking lot was suddenly being resealed during picnic weekend! Despite these, the team never gave up, and through the grace of God moved forward.

The blessings, however, far outweighed the challenges. Tremendous support was offered by businesses who responded to the all-new sponsor program. The Putting Contest was a great new attraction with plans already in the works for expansion next year. We contracted with an inflatables company who helped fill the carnival rides void. A concession's trailer was generously loaned to us. Parking spots opened through the relocation of booths. Our Boy Scouts did a super job parking cars in the grassy areas on campus. Parishioners responded to our need for volunteers, many using the new on-line tool Sign-up Genius. Dinners were delicious and plentiful along with talented musicians providing entertainment both nights. Finally, our prayers were answered as God blessed us with superb weather and steady crowds all weekend.

This year's picnic profit ranks #4 all-time at \$34,923.67, a 26% increase over the previous year. Ranking it the largest one-year increase ever in SFX picnic history! Thank you to everyone who embraced the changes and generously gave of your time, talent and treasure. By navigating through the hard-work and the messy middle, together we achieved the gorgeous end!

# Our Ministries

A steward acknowledges their God-given gifts and in gratitude responds to the Gospel invitation to nurture and share those gifts with others, including their time in prayer, talents in service and sharing of treasure.

Listed here are just a sampling of some of the stewardship opportunities available at SFX. More ministries will be highlighted in upcoming editions.

After prayerful consideration, get involved by calling the contacts listed.

Our Stewardship opportunities fall under four ministry clusters: **Administration**, **Lifelong Formation/Education**, **Worship** and **Parish Life**.



## Administration

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**Super Raffle-** A limit of 5,000 - \$20 raffle tickets are sold over a seven-week period. One winner gets to choose between a new car or \$20,000. Parishioners are needed to serve on the planning committee; to prepare and distribute tickets and envelopes during weekend masses; sell and/or buy tickets; distribute and set up promotional signs and fliers; sell tickets under a canopy on the church campus in 2-hour shifts. Contact: Dianne Rucker, 502-649-2003

**Kroger Community Rewards-** Each quarter, Kroger sends a check to the Parish office for a percentage of the purchases made by Parishioners using their Kroger Plus Card. It's easy to enroll your Kroger Plus Card which will help to increase the Parish's quarterly check. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) or call 1-800-KROGERS (576-4377), Option #3. St. Francis Xavier's NPO number is 11219. Contact: Helen Hagan, 502-538-4933 or [helen.hagan@sfxmw.com](mailto:helen.hagan@sfxmw.com)





## Lifelong Formation / Education

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**Koinonia Retreat** - Community is at the heart of a Koinonia Retreat, held on the SFX campus each fall. Koinonia is a laity lead retreat that provides an opportunity to grow into a deeper relationship with Christ and the church. Designed for adults 21 years and older, and open to all faiths. The weekend is experienced from a Catholic perspective, but being Catholic is certainly not required. Participants share talks, discussions, liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations and experiences.

Contact: Joe Recktenwald, 502-538-4933 or joe.recktenwald@sfxmw.com

**Religious Education** - Provides Religious Education for students K-8, which includes preparation for the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Contact: Darlene Fowler, 502-538-4933 or darlene.fowler@sfxmw.com

fund a variety of activities such as Children's Ministries, St. Vincent dePaul and the Summer Picnic. All women are welcome to join.

Contact: Michele Mattingly, 502-239-3829

### **Mt. Washington Community**

**Ministries** - An interfaith organization of local churches founded with the purpose to provide temporary assistance to local families and individuals by supplying: non-perishable food items; personal hygiene items; school supplies and utility assistance. Adults and teen volunteers are needed on the first Thursday of each month to work at the First Baptist Church Community Ministries Center from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monetary support can be given using the contribution envelope marked for Community Ministries.

Contact: Larry & Jan Pilzecker 502-538-9297

## Parish Life

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**Women's Club** - St. Francis Xavier's Women's Club's motto: Serving Christ Through Good Works - And Having Fun Doing It, says what we are all about. Members are loving, kind people willing to share their time and talent with the Parish. Hosting three fundraisers per year - two Bunco parties and the Christmas Bazaar, help the group to

## Worship

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**Altar Servers/Acolytes**- Assists the presider in liturgical celebrations. Training is provided for fifth grade students through adults who wish to serve at weekend, daily, Holy Day and/or funeral Masses.

Contact: Pat Grigsby 502-379-0016 or 502-538-8938

# Priesthood Bonds Archbishop And Cousin In Life-Changing Way

John Shaughnessy  
*The Criterion*

When he saw the photos of his cousin being greeted with a warm smile by Pope Francis, Father Dale Cieslik just shook his head in joy and wonder.

"Just to see him with the pope—oh my! —that's a Thompson there!" recalls Father Cieslik, the first cousin of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson.

As the two cousins were growing up in the rural, hilly country known as "the Kentucky Holy Land" because of its strong Catholic roots, the thought that a member of their extended family would one day become an archbishop and be welcomed by a pope seemed beyond the realm of consideration.

And yet that's what happened on June 29 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican when Pope Francis gave Archbishop Thompson a pallium—a woolen band worn over the shoulders that symbolizes his new, closer connection with the pope and his responsibility as the shepherd who will lead the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Seeing the photos of that exchange was a moment of pride and emotion for Father Cieslik—the person that Archbishop Thompson credits with making him realize that he could pursue a vocation as a priest.

"He planted a seed when he went away to seminary," Archbishop Thompson says about his older cousin. "Before then, I thought the priesthood was for other people, other families. That said to me that the Holy Spirit can call any of us. So, he was a good example."

It was a way of life the future archbishop would first consider seriously when he faced a difficult time as a youth—when he attended high school during a period of desegregation.

## A defining moment

"We moved to Louisville just a year or two before busing," Archbishop Thompson recalls. "The very first year of busing, I was bused as a freshman downtown to one of the two schools that were considered the worst in the whole educational system at that time in Louisville, if not Kentucky.

"A lot of violence that year. Just to give you a couple examples, but not to get too graphic, there was a stabbing once. A teacher disciplined a student and the next day all four tires were slit. There was a rape on one floor. There were drug dealings. It was the first time I thought of priesthood in a whole different light.

"I remember asking myself, 'All this violence and all this inhumanity to humanity, how does my life speak to this behavior, to this kind of violence?' That's when priesthood came to me in a whole different light. I went on and dated through high school and college. But halfway through college, that's when I went to my cousin [Father Cieslik] about the seminary. It triggered that whole notion of a witness—how does my life speak to something other than that violence?"

Father Cieslik remembers that visit. At the time, he just didn't



realize it would become a defining moment in his cousin's life.

"I tried to show him the way of life as a seminarian, and I introduced him to some of my friends," says Father Cieslik, who entered Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad in 1974.

"For me, it really is humbling to know that was a defining moment for him. We never know how what we say or do affects people. It was me just being myself. In the priesthood, we want to serve."

## A brotherly bond

Father Cieslik was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1982. A year later, the future archbishop of Indianapolis followed a similar path after graduating from Bellarmine University in Louisville in 1983 with a degree in accounting. He entered Saint Meinrad that fall and was ordained a priest in the Louisville archdiocese in 1987.

It's a connection that has continued, a connection that has bonded the cousins in a special way

"We are companions in the journey," Father Cieslik says. "He and I are related on the Thompson side of the family. And we share our ordained ministry. There's a brotherly bond between the two of us. It was significant for us to be priests in the same archdiocese, to serve in the same local Church. We shared good conversations about what was going on in our archdiocese, in our parishes."

They were even pastors of neighboring parishes in the Louisville area for a while—another element of the closeness that provides Father Cieslik with a special insight about his cousin.

"His biggest gift is being a person of prayer," Father Cieslik says. "He's going to use that prayer to help him make decisions on be-





half of the people of the archdiocese. He's also a great listener. He listens to how things will affect people.

"Another big plus is he knows Church law so well, and he knows how Church law is helpful serving people. His degree in accounting from Bellarmine is helpful, too. He understands money, and he's very frugal."

**'We feel stronger as a family'**

Their closeness continued during the six years Archbishop Thompson served as the bishop of the Evansville, Ind., Diocese.

"I've gone to Evansville quite often to be with him, to have a meal," says Father Cieslik, the archivist for the Louisville Archdiocese and the pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mount Washington, Ky. "First, it's just catching up on our family, and seeing what each of us has been up to. I don't hesitate to ever ask him his opinion. He has very good insights."

Father Cieslik arranged his schedule to arrive in Indianapolis a few days before his cousin became the new archbishop during the installation Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on July 28. As the archbishop moved into his new residence, his cousin wanted to be there to "help him unpack and hang a few pictures."

He also wanted to be part of the cookout that Archbishop Thompson hosted for his extended family on July 27. That get-together reminds Father Cieslik of the family meals they were both part of growing up.

"Our grandmother, Mildred Thompson, became a widow very young," Father Cieslik says. "A lot of us kids would get farmed out to work in her garden during the summer, picking vegetables and wild blackberries. During the week, there were three or four cousins staying there, and it really built the bond between us. On Sundays, all the uncles and aunts came home to our grandmother's house. Everyone would bring something to eat. It was like a family reunion every Sunday."

He expects a large family reunion for the archbishop's installation Mass.

"It speaks of closeness and support—and being very proud of Chuck. We love him a lot.

"Chuck and I presided at a wedding in the family a year ago. We've done that quite a bit. It's so wonderful. When he and I are together, I just feel a lot of connection. I feel the presence of grandparents and aunts and uncles who are no longer with us. We miss them a lot. When we are together, we feel stronger as a family."



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## VBS Success, RE underway

Darlene Fowler  
*RE Coordinator*

This year's VBS theme was Mighty Fortress, where we learned In Jesus, the Victory is Won! We had 40 children join us for a fun-filled week of crafts, music, Bible stories, games, and snacks. On Friday evening parents, siblings, and grandparents joined the children for an evening of games, hayrides, grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. The children performed songs that they learned during the week for everyone.

We will soon begin our second year for Children's Church. The children have enjoyed our time together learning and reflecting on the readings and Gospel on their level. It has been rewarding hearing how they interpret what the readings are telling them. There are around 8 to 15 children that leave during the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass for children's church each week. We hope that it continues to grow.

If you are interested in helping in this ministry or learning more about the program, please call me in the parish office at 502-538-4933.

It is hard to believe that summer has ended and school is back in session. Religious Education classes resumed on September 6. We are excited to welcome back students both old and new. This year, the children will be given the opportunity to participate in a new stewardship activity by receiving their own set of church envelopes. They will be given the opportunity to give of not only their treasure, but their time and talent as well. Watch the bulletin for reports detailing the good things that our children are doing to share their time and talents as they give back what God has given them.

Please keep our children and their catechists in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

# SFX Summer Housekeeping Report

Bobby Grace

Stewardship Committee, Chair

The summer was full of parish activities and maintenance upgrades. Here's a review of recent events and accomplishments:

**MISSION:  
COMPLETE**

- The **Parish Garden** continues to grow. Many hands have helped plant, water, and harvest vegetables from our land.
- The annual **Summer Picnic** is in the record books. Everyone did a great job, and we appreciate all the work Anthony & Mary Morris put into its success.
- **Children's VBS** was another success. Thanks to Darlene Fowler who helped plan, organize and produce a week-long event focused on Jesus and the Bible.
- Work has begun for the next **Koinonia Retreat**. Joe Recktenwald will again head this year's retreat. All are welcome to attend with the hope of developing a deeper love of Christ.
- The annual **Golf Scramble** was held in August. It's always a favorite among our parish golfers. We appreciate Charles and Mary Ballard for their hard work to once again organize and plan the event.
- The **church tile sealing** is finished. Take a look at the shine of our entrance ways and bathrooms the next time you attend Mass.
- **Trees in the field** were trimmed for safer picnic parking.
- An **underground gas leak** at the office was repaired.
- Our **HVAC systems** have been inspected for efficient operation by new parish member Ron Chadwell.
- Two parish members have offered their time and talent outdoors. I would like to personally thank new parish member Joey Followay for taking over the **church grass cutting duties** and Dave Abner for taking over the **cemetery duty**. Their stewardship provides me additional time for other responsibilities here at SFX. *It takes many volunteers to keep our campus running.*

Autumn will bring more parish activities. We have so much to offer here at St. Francis Xavier. We recognized the need to form a new Stewardship Committee. This committee will bring more awareness to the people of our parish and the need for everyone's time, talent and treasure. I look forward to working closely with the new Stewardship Committee, as they are already forming ideas and ways to engage the parish. Look for more information to come from this new committee through Parish communication outlets. If you would like to offer your time & talent to help with our maintenance and grounds, please contact the parish office and leave me a message.

## JOY Club Has Something For YOU!



Exciting activities are planned for the remainder of 2017. On October 3, we'll enjoy the spectacular fall colors at Bernheim Forest for our annual outing. On November 2, we'll travel to the official home of the world-famous Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs. In December, we will have a Christmas Party to wrap up another JOYful year!

All seniors of the parish are encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Calvin Sims at 538-7216 or e-mail him at [calvinsims@windstream.net](mailto:calvinsims@windstream.net).



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# Building Committee To Hold Town Halls

Mitchell L. Elder  
*Building Committee, Chair*

The Building Committee's work on our Long-Range Plan for our parish campus continues as we are working to revise the plan to fit within the financial range that was reported in the feasibility study. If interested, a copy of the feasibility study is available in the parish office.

We met with Mark Trier, JRA Architects, on August 1 to hear three possible options in three different price ranges to help determine how to proceed with the Capital Campaign for the building of the Parish Activity Center and renovating of the old church.

A sub-committee has been formed to obtain



information about the operation and ongoing maintenance of these buildings.

There are two Town Hall Meetings planned for Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, September 24 at 10:30

a.m. The meetings will give our parish family an opportunity to see information we have gathered and the specific plan we have for moving forward. We welcome input from all our parishioners.

We will continue to revise our plan to meet the current and future needs of space for all our parish ministries. We ask you to keep each of your leaders in your prayers as we continue our work.

## Financial Reports Forthcoming

Donnie Smith  
*Finance Committee, Chair*

The Finance Committee is happy to report that the 2016-17 fiscal year was a very positive one. Thanks to your continued support of the parish and its various ministries we exceeded our budgeted collections by \$26,738 for the year. Likewise, your efforts in fundraising activities such as the Super Raffle, Taste of St. Francis and the Summer Picnic, along with continued donations to the Legacy Fund, have enabled us to increase our saving and long-term investments by over \$157,194 this year. With the thoughtful giving you

have demonstrated this year we continue to put down the foundation upon which we will build and realize our parish's Long-Range Plan.

Our parish Accountability Report will be published soon and it will give a much more detailed financial position of the church and recap many of the things we accomplished in the 2016-17 fiscal year. We continue to work very closely with the Building Committee and Parish Council to interpret the results of our recent Feasibility Study and how best to take the next steps in making our Long-Range Plan

a reality. We thank you for your continued financial support, without it we wouldn't be able provide our faith family or the community with the ministries that are so important in spreading God's word.





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